



If you are a member of a local, national or international group that has a special interest in the care of people with diabetes and wish to notify our readers of your activities then please email submissions to:

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NHS DIABETES

NHS Diabetes is continuing the campaign for increased patient safety by launching two FREE e-learning modules. The "Safe Management of Hypoglycaemia" (SMH) and "Safe Use of Non-Insulin Therapies" (SUNIT) are aimed at healthcare professionals, but are also invaluable for people with diabetes and their families.

The SMH module aims to reduce the incidence of hypoglycaemia, whereas the SUNIT module aims to reduce the number of medication errors and poorly controlled blood glucose levels while using non-insulin therapies.

Hypoglycaemia and insulin errors are serious and can be fatal. Training in the safe use of insulin is mandatory for all staff who prescribe, prepare or administer insulin.

Anna Morton, Director of NHS Diabetes, said:

"We are calling on all individuals who care for people with diabetes to improve their skills and complete these modules. Together we can reduce the numbers of avoidable errors and hypoglycaemic episodes, ensuring patients with diabetes receive the best possible care."

For more information, please visit www.diabetes.nhs.uk/safe_use_of_insulin.